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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for establishment of a mental health  
2 professional shortage area program and providing an  
3 appropriation.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 1613HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.80 MENTAL HEALTH  
1 2 PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA PROGRAM.  
1 3 1. For the purposes of this section, "mental health  
1 4 professional shortage areas" means geographic areas in this  
1 5 state that have been designated by the United States  
1 6 department of health and human services, health resources and  
1 7 services administration, bureau of health professionals, as  
1 8 having a shortage of mental health professionals.  
1 9 2. The department shall establish and administer a mental  
1 10 health professional shortage area program in accordance with  
1 11 this section. Implementation of the program shall be limited  
1 12 to the extent of the funding appropriated or otherwise made  
1 13 available for the program.  
1 14 3. The program shall provide stipends to support medical  
1 15 director positions for community mental health centers and  
1 16 hospital psychiatric units that are located in mental health  
1 17 professional shortage areas.  
1 18 4. The department shall consult with the dean of the  
1 19 university of Iowa college of medicine, or the dean's  
1 20 designee, in adopting rules to administer the program and to  
1 21 allocate stipends in a manner that will best utilize available  
1 22 funding and have the most impact in addressing shortage areas.  
1 23 5. The department shall apply the rules in determining the  
1 24 number and amounts of stipends within the amount of funding  
1 25 available for the program for a fiscal year.  
1 26 6. For each fiscal year in which funding is allocated by  
1 27 the program, the department shall report to the governor and  
1 28 general assembly summarizing the program's activities and the  
1 29 impact made to address the shortage of mental health  
1 30 professionals.

1 31 Sec. 2. MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA PROGRAM  
1 32 == APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund  
1 33 of the state to the department of public health for the fiscal  
1 34 year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the  
1 35 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be  
2 1 used for the purposes designated:  
2 2 For the mental health professional shortage area program  
2 3 established pursuant to section 135.80, as enacted by this  
2 4 Act:  
2 5 ..... \$ 300,000  
2 6 Not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated in this  
2 7 section shall be used for administrative costs associated with  
2 8 the program.

EXPLANATION

2 10 This bill directs the department of public health to  
2 11 establish a mental health professional shortage area program.  
2 12 The term "mental health professional shortage areas" is  
2 13 defined as geographic areas that have been designated by the  
2 14 United States department of health and human services, health  
2 15 resources and services administration, bureau of health  
2 16 professionals, as having a shortage of mental health  
2 17 professionals.  
2 18 The purpose of the program is to provide stipends to  
2 19 support medical director positions for community mental health

2 20 centers and hospital psychiatric units that are located in the  
2 21 designated shortage areas.  
2 22 The department is required to consult with the dean of the  
2 23 university of Iowa college of medicine, or the dean's  
2 24 designee, in adopting rules for administering the program and  
2 25 allocating stipends.  
2 26 Implementation of the program is limited to the funding  
2 27 appropriated or made available for the program. The  
2 28 department is required to report to the governor and general  
2 29 assembly for each fiscal year in which funding is allocated  
2 30 from the program. The bill provides an appropriation for the  
2 31 program for fiscal year 2007=2008.  
2 32 LSB 1613HH 82  
2 33 jp:nh/gg/14